S.No.	Name of District	Village Public Telephones
10.	Nagapattinam	338
11.	Namakkal	451
12.	Permbalur	402
13.	Periyakulam	173
14.	Pondicherry	266
15.	Pudukottai	816
16.	Ramanathapuram	554
17.	Salem	652
18.	Sivaganga	635
19.	Thanjavur	846
20.	The Nilgiris	55
21.	Tirunelveli	590
22.	Tiruvannmalai	1125
23.	Tiruvarur	714
24.	Tiruvellore	643
25.	Trichy	546
26.	Tuticorin	507
27.	Vellore	907
28.	Villupurm	1561
29.	Virudhnagar	651
	TOTAL:	17899

More facilities for cellular subscribers

2476. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to meet the impending challenges from private cellular operators/companies by making more attractive and acceptable terms to the subscribers like security deposit amount, rate of incoming calls, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. has revised their cellular tariff to make them more competitive as per details given below:—

		Pre-revised	Revised	
			Plan A	Plan B
(i)	Security Deposit (in Rs.)	(a) Local-2000	There has been changes except that no security	
		(b) Local & NSD-4000	deposit is being	
		(c) Local, NSD & ISD-6000	charged for corporate Customers with 25 or more bookings	
(ii)	Rental (Rs./Month)	400	250	375
(iii)	Air time charges (Rs./Month)			
(a)	Outgoing	2.70	2.00	1.40
(b)	Incoming	1.50	1.50	1.40

BSNL has started the service only in six cities / towns of Bihar namely Patna, Hazipur, Badh, Arah, Rajgir and Biharsharief. The tariff packages have been competitively priced. The details are enclosed in the Statement.

Statement

TARIFF PLAN

Bharat Mobile Post Paid Service

1. *B.S.N.L. CALL MORE*

Monthly Rental: Rs. 400. Activation charge: Rs. 500, Registration charge: Rs. 500 Monthly Plan Charge: Rs. 600, CLIP: Rs. 25 Per Month, Free Airtime: 250 Min./Months

AIR Time Rate/Min.	Peak 8 AM to 10 PM	Peak (Sunday & National Holiday)	Off Peak 10 PM TO 8 AM
Outgoing Call	2.70	2.50	1.00
Incoming Call	2.00	2.00	1.00
Pulse Rate	30	30	60

2. *B.S.N.L. GENERAL*

Monthly Rental: Rs. 400, Activation Charge: Rs. 500, Regulatration Charge: Rs. 500, Monthly Plan Charge: Nil, CLIP: Rs. 25 Per Month.

AIR Time Rate/Min.	Peak 8 AM to 10 PM	Peak (Sunday & National Holiday)	Off Peak 10 PM TO 8 AM
Outgoing Call	3.00	2.50	1.00
Incoming Call	2.20	2.00	1.00
Pulse Rate	30	30	60

Tariff Plan for Bharat Mobile Pre-Paid Card

Card Value and Air Time Tariff (to be paid at the time of taking new prepaid Mobile connection)

Card Value (in Rs.)	Activation Charge (in Rs.)	Clip Charges	Service Tax •	Total Amt.	Air Time Tariff (Rs./Min)		Pulse rate (in seconds)		Validity (days)	Grace period (days)
					8 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 8 am	8 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 8 am		
250	500	50	40	840	3.7	1	30	120	15	7

• Call waiting, Call Forwarding, Call Holding Service FREE
• No. CLIP Charges for the recharge coupon

Recharge Coupon Tariff

Call Time Value (in Rs.)	Service Tax 5% (in Rs.)	Total Value (in Rs.)	Outgoing airtime Charges (Rs./Min.)		Incoming Airtime Charges (Rs./Min.)		Pulse Rate (in second)		Validity	Grace period (in days)
			8 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 8 am	8 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 8 am	8 am to 10 pm	10 pm to 8 am		
250	13	263	3.7	1	3.7	1	30	120	15	7
500	25	525	3.7	1	3.7	1	30	120	30	15
1000	50	1050	3	1	3	1	30	120	30	15
3000	150	3150	2.5	1	2.5	1	30	120	45	15
5000	250	5250	2	1	2	1	30	120	60	15

• Charges on Sunday & National Holiday will be as per our off peak charges.
• PSTN Charges extra.
• Whole Bihar & Jharkhand available on Local Call (Air time charges extra).